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APPLICANT: Fujino

SERIAL NO. 09/257,650

EXAMINER: O'Hara, E.

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FOR: USE AND SCREENING METHOD FOR AN ABERRANT GENE PRODUCT  
OPERATING SUBSTANCE

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Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2001, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

14. (three times amended) A method of screening substances for a substance capable of causing an aberrant receptor, which has substantially changed affinity for substances that have a natural affinity for a non-aberrant receptor, to operate in a manner similar to the non-aberrant receptor comprising:

1) bringing the aberrant receptor into contact with a subject substance,

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